

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK ACCESS METHODS AND DEVICES**

the specification of which: ☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on: May 6, 2005

as United States Application No.: 10/534,055

or PCT International Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed	
PCT/US03/09285	PCT	25, March, 2003		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Prior Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
60/424,942	8, November, 2002

**Prior United States Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned

And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the Hunton & Williams LLP attorneys and agents associated with:

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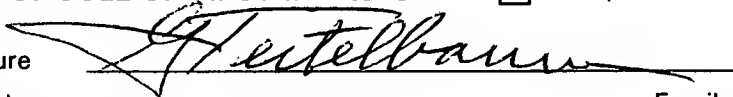
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